COVID Community Expectations – Spring 2021

Note: these expectations reflect our current understanding of what the Fraternity & Sorority Chapter Houses will need from one another. These expectations may change as the situation develops.

Students living in Fraternity and Sorority Chapter Housing are expected to read, understand, acknowledge, and agree to the guidelines in the University of Pennsylvania Student Campus Compact 2020-2021 (link is external).

In order to keep the Fraternity and Sorority community who reside in the Chapter Homes as safe as possible, it is essential that we work together to adhere to the community expectations outlined below. We must strive to create the safest and healthiest environments as possible while recognizing we are one aspect of the Penn and Philadelphia community.

Fraternity and Sorority members must consider how they will hold themselves and others accountable in regard to these additional expectations for our Chapter House communities.

- Students are responsible for learning and understanding the policies and guidelines in Chapter Housing Living Guides, communications, University websites, etc.

- Students will follow all directives for physical distancing in the Chapter House. There will be one person per bedroom. Consistently utilize the same bathroom that is closest to your bedroom. In common areas and bathrooms, follow the appropriate physical distancing guidelines. Do not remove university signage.

- No guests/visitors will be permitted inside the chapter including partners, family, friends, recruits/prospective members, non-resident members of the chapter, alumni, etc. Permitted entrants are residents, staff, maintenance, cleaning services, emergency response personal, and chef (if applicable) – all are expected to follow COVID guidelines. A House Corporation/Advisor’s request for entrance will be evaluated case-by-case. Non-resident members on the meal plan must pick-up meals outside the chapter home. Residents are permitted 1 guest during move-in, and the guest must leave promptly afterwards.

- Students must wear a face mask or facial covering in Chapter House Common areas and any areas outside of their Chapter House bedroom (i.e., any public areas, dining cafés, and public spaces in other campus buildings). It is okay to remove the mask for eating but students must continue to adhere to all other guidelines. Community-shared meals need to be avoided, and food/meals need to be prepared/packaged individually.

- Students will practice good hygiene, including thorough and frequent hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer. Residents are responsible for their personal room’s cleaning supplies. Facilities is planning for additional cleaning supplies, such as spray and/or wipes for the bathroom. Cleaning supplies are not to be abused or used to vandalize or damage toilets. If damage ensues, supplies will be revoked and the chapter will be charged for the maintenance repairs.

- Residents must take care of their dishes cooking/dining areas – discard food appropriately and clean areas afterwards. Trash must be discarded using trash bins and outside dumpsters.
• Students are expected to follow the guidance for social gatherings when outside the Chapter Houses.

• Students will use Penn Open Pass daily and will need a day pass to maintain compliance to enter any Penn buildings and Chapter Houses.

• If requested by an University Staff Member, students will participate in a visual wellness check, either in person or through video conference.

• Students should understand and acknowledge that these expectations may change as the response to COVID-19 evolves throughout the city, state, and country.

We encourage students living in Fraternity and Sorority Chapter Housing to hold each other and themselves accountable for these expectations. That means building good communication and engaging respectfully with each other.

If at any time you need help interpreting or understanding any of the Fraternity and Sorority Housing Expectations, please reach out to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life/your chapter advisor.

Read the Student Campus Contact here: [Penn Campus Student Compact](link is external)

Visit the FAQs for the Student Campus Contact here: [FAQ](link is external)